

**REMARKS**

Amendments have been made to the specification and the claims. New claims 29-45 are directed to a fluid treatment module.

Claims 29-45 are supported by paragraphs [0016]-[0018] of the specification, and FIGS. 1 and 2. It is submitted that the proposed amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter.


In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that this places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,  
THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP

Dated: October 8, 2003

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thierry K. Lo  
Reg. No. 49,097

THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP  
PO BOX 640640  
SAN JOSE, CA 95164-0640  
Tel: (408) 292-5800  
Fax:(408) 287-8040